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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (new): A ratchet wrench comprising:

an adaptation hole provided with an adaptation recess, said adaptation recess being formed with two resisting edges;

a ratchet wheel fitted in said adaptation hole, said ratchet wheel having an external circumferential edge provided with a plurality of mounting teeth, a center of said ratchet wheel having a recess;

a stopping tooth fitted in said adaptation recess and provided with a plurality of engaging teeth engageable with said mounting teeth of ratchet wheel, said stopping tooth having a notch from which is protruded a pivotal rod, said stopping tooth being formed with two urging faces which urge against two lateral sides of said adaptation recess;

a directional block having a pivoting hole receiving said pivotal rod of said stopping tooth;

two resisting elements each having a resisting face which resists against a bottom of said stopping tooth; and

two elastic members each having a first end urging against a respective one of said resisting elements to engage said stopping tooth with said ratchet wheel, a second end of each of said elastic members urging at a respective one of said resisting edges of said adaptation recess;

whereby rotation of said directional block in one direction will push one of said resisting elements away from said stopping tooth thereby causing said ratchet wheel to rotate in only one direction and therefore enabling said ratchet wrench to fasten a fastening element.

Claim 6 (new): The ratchet wrench as claimed in claim 5, wherein an internal

diameter of a bottom of said adaptation hole is tapered to form into an engaging edge.

Claim 7 (new): The ratchet wheel as claimed in claim 5, wherein said recess of said ratchet wheel is hexagonal in shape.